# COMPLAINT

#### Jurisdiction and Venue

- 1. Plaintiff invokes the jurisdiction of this Court pursuant to Section 502 (a)(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. §1132(a)(3) (hereinafter, "ERISA"), and federal common law, 28 U.S.C. §1331.
- 2. Venue is proper in this District Court pursuant to ERISA Section 502(e)(2), 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(2), because, inter alia, the relevant employee welfare benefit plan is administered in this District, because the Court has jurisdiction over the parties, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(a), because Plaintiff's claims arose in this District.

# **Parties**

3. Rodney G. Smith (hereinafter, "Plaintiff") is the Executive Director of the Teamsters Union 25 Health Services and Insurance Plan (hereinafter, "the Plan"). He is a fiduciary of the Plan within the meaning of ERISA Section 3(21), 29 U.S.C. §1002(21), and he is authorized to bring this action on behalf of the Plan.

- 4. The Plan is an "employee welfare benefit plan" within the meaning of ERISA Section 3(1), 29 U.S.C. §1002(1), and is a "multi-employer plan" within the meaning of Section 3(37)(A) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(37)(A). The Plan is administered by Trustees in accordance with LMRA Section 302(c)(5), 29 U.S.C. §186(c)(5), and exists for the exclusive purpose of providing health, medical and related benefits to its participants and beneficiaries. The Plan has its principal office and is administered from 16 Sever Street, Charlestown, Massachusetts 02129.
- 5. Anthony Scibilio (hereinafter, "Defendant") is an individual residing at 299 Thicket Street in Weymouth, Massachusetts, 02190.

#### Facts

- 6. Throughout all times relevant herein, the Defendant was a participant in the Local 25 Health Services and Insurance Plan and was eligible for benefits in accordance with the terms of the Plan's governing plan documents.
- 7. As the result of a non-work related temporary disability, the Defendant received weekly disability benefits from the Plan
- 8. The Plan paid the Defendant weekly disability benefits in the total amount of \$443.00 per week from February 6, 2003 through April 30, 2003.
- 9. The Plan's governing plan documents provide that if the Plan extends disability benefits to participant, such participant must immediately notify the Plan of the date he returned to work. A true copy of the excerpt from the Plan's governing plan documents concerning the "Weekly Disability Benefit" is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

- 10. The Plan's governing plan documents provides that it will take all steps necessary to recover any disability benefit that it mistakenly paid to a participant due to late or improper notification of a participant's return to work.
- 11. Despite receiving disability benefits for the time period between February 6, 2003 and April 30, 2003, the Defendant returned to work on April 1, 2003.
- 12. The Defendant failed to notify the Plan that he had returned to work on April 1, 2003.
- 13. The Defendant received wages for work performed from April 1, 2003 through April 30, 2003, as well as weekly disability benefits from the Plan.
- 14. As a result of the Defendant's failure to notify the Plan that he had returned to work on April 1, 2003, the Plan mistakenly overpaid weekly disability benefits to the Defendant in the amount of \$ 1,898.58.
- 15. By letters dated June 4, 2003 and June 18, 2003, the Plan demanded that the Defendant repay the Plan for weekly disability benefits received by the Defendant for weeks after he had returned to work. True copies of the Plan's June 4, 2003 and June 18, 2003 letters are attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and 3 respectively.
- 16. The Defendant has failed or refused to repay the Plan for the overpayment of weekly disability benefits.

#### COUNT I

#### (Enforcement of Plan's terms)

17. The Plaintiff reavers every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 16 herein.

- 18. The Defendant violated the terms of the Plan by failing to notify the Plan that he returned to work on April 1, 2003.
- 19. The Defendant violated the terms of the Plan by accepting and failing to repay the Plan the disability payments he received after he returned to work on April 1, 2001.
- 20. The Plaintiff is entitled to enforce the Plan pursuant to ERSIA § 502(a)(3), 29 U.S.C. § 1132 (a)(3).

### **COUNT II**

# (Reimbursement for Mistaken Payment)

- 21. Plaintiff reavers every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 20 herein.
- 22. The Plaintiff paid the Defendant's weekly disability benefits from April 1, 2003 through April 30, 2003 due to a mistake of fact, to wit: that the Defendant was temporarily disabled and had not returned to work.
- 23. The Defendant failed to notify that Plan that he had returned to work on April 1, 2003.
- 24. At the time when the weekly disability benefits for April 1, 2003 through April 30, 2003 were paid to the Defendant, the Plan was not aware that the Defendant had returned to work on April 1, 2003 and was no longer disabled.
- 25. The Defendant knew or should have known that he could not continue to accept and receive disability benefits after he returned to work.
- 26. Plaintiff is entitled to reimbursement of disability payments paid to the Defendand due to a mistake of fact.

#### COUNT III

# (Unjust Enrichment)

- 27. Plaintiff reavers every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 26 herein.
- 28. The Defendant knew or should have known that he could not accept weekly disability benefits at the same time that he was receiving wages for working.
- 29. Defendant wrongfully continued to accept payment for disability benefits after he had returned to work and was thus receiving benefits to which he was not entitled.
- 30. By failing to reimburse the Plan for monies paid, the Defendant has unjustly enriched himself at the expense of the Plan and its participants and beneficiaries.
- 31. This Court should enforce the Plan's rights by ordering that Plaintiff disgorge payments he improperly received.

# WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays the Court to grant him the following:

- (a) A judgment in favor of Rodney G. Smith, as Executive Director of the Teamsters Union 25 Health Services and Insurance Plan, and against Anthony Scibilio;
- (b) An order obligating Anthony Scibilio to pay the Plan in the amount of \$ 1,898.58;
- (c) Attorneys' fees and costs; and
- (d) Any such other relief as the Court finds appropriate.

For the Plaintiff,

RODNEY G. SMITH, EXECUTIVE **DIRECTOR of the TEAMSTERS UNION 25** HEALTH SERVICES AND INSURANCE **PLAN** 

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